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For: TOPICAL AGENT CONTAINING PHYTANIC ACID OR A DERIVATIVE THEREOF

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March 19, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Responsive to the Official Action of February 21, 2008 and the requirement for restriction presented in it, applicant elects the subject matter of claims 10-15, Group III, directed to methods of preventing or treating various conditions. This response is made without traverse.

Please examine the elected claims on the merits taking into account the documents cited in the International Search Report in the underlying PCT application and the Information Disclosure Statement filed December 6, 2005.

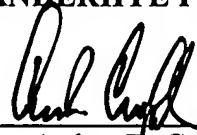
This will confirm discussions with Examiner Westerberg on February 26, 2008 and my request for clarification – as indicated in the communication of March 6, 2008.

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Respectfully submitted,

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